



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**DEPARTMENT OF
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY**

D.T.E. 04-73

July 22, 2004

Investigation by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy on its own motion as to the propriety of the rates and charges set forth in the following tariff: M.D.T.E. No. 17, filed with the Department on June 23, 2004 to become effective on July 23, 2004 by Verizon New England, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Massachusetts.

The Department, after review, consideration and study of the aforementioned filing, has determined that further investigation is necessary. It is therefore

ORDERED: That the operation of the rates and charges set forth therein be suspended and the use thereof deferred until January 23, 2005, unless otherwise ordered by the Department, and it is

FURTHER ORDERED: That a copy of this order be filed with the tariffs at the office of the Telecommunications Division of this Department and a copy be forthwith served upon Verizon New England, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Massachusetts.

By Order of the Department,

/s/
Paul G. Afonso, Chairman

/s/
W. Robert Keating, Commissioner

/s/
Eugene J. Sullivan, Jr. Commissioner

/s/
Deirdre K. Manning, Commissioner